ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಜೆನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಆಗಲೇ ಉತ್ತರಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question No. 279.

Tractors, Bull-dozers, Caterpillars and Excavators.

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Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—On the other day I elicited information that 97 tractors were sick and only about 30 tractors and 10 bull-dozers were working. I wanted to know this information regarding the agreement that was entered into between the Government and Messrs. Ferguson & Co. May I know whether this agreement is still subsisting or has it been terminated ?

*Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—It was not actually an agreement but it was a scheme that was submitted by Messrs. Ferguson & Co. and according to that scheme we worked it out for about 10 months in 1952-53. The scheme is over now.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Under what circumstances it was terminated ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—The scheme completed itself.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—It has been stated here that spares worth Rs. 3,40,000 were purchased by Government. Were these purchased from or through Ferguson & Co. or from whom these spare parts were purchased ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Sir, orders were placed for the spare parts that were required for the tractors and bull-dozers with various firms that manufacture these spares. Because the tractors that we have are of different makes, from those firms machineries were obtained.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Were orders placed by Messrs. Ferguson & Co. or at their instance by any officer of the Government ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Sir, it was the Director who had to place orders as we would see under 8 of the scheme.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Are all these spare parts used or are there any parts that are left over ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Of the heavy parts of the machinery, some of them are still left over. Now, we are trying to exchange them for some of the parts which we are in need urgently.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Regarding the Central Tractor Workshop, what is the amount invested on the workshop ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—It has costed Rs. 1,13,000.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not a fact that this Workshop has been devoting its attention only for the 32 tractors and not the other tractors which are sick ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—At present we are not dealing with the others that require major repairs though this year we expect to repair about 5 of the tractors.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Are all these 97 sick tractors likely to be repaired in this Central Tractor Workshop or is there no hope of reclaiming those 97 tractors ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—With the spare parts that we have and with the spare parts that we have obtained by exchange, we expect to put into operation about 6 of them this year. About the other tractors that have been ill and with regard to the entire tractor organisation, Government of India suggested that we should have a committee and now we have appointed a committee with the Engineer of the Central Tractor Organisation, Delhi, as one of the members. The Committee is expected to submit its report very soon.

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Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not desirable that the entire workshop is wound up and the amount of nearly Rs. 4 to 5 lakhs spending every year is saved ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Sir, as you will see now the Tractors and Bull-dozers that are now in operation have been doing work and there is a demand for it. But it is not Rs. 4 lakhs that we are spending—it is given in the column, less than Rs. 3 lakhs, for spare parts, oiling and grease. Now as I said, we have appointed a Committee that will go into that question. The

number of tractors though they are classified as sick, are not certainly so bad as to be scrapped. Now a policy has been laid down as to what is to be done because of the large amount of money that is involved on them. Recently we had a representative of the Fordson Manufacturers and they demanded certain amount of money for their repairs. We said that it was too high. That is why we are having an engineer from the Central Tractors Organisation, Delhi, who has come here to work on this committee to find out what is to be done for these tractors.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಇಷ್ಟು ಹಣಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ಸಾವಿರ ಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಂಡು ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಮುಫ ತ್ತಾಗಿ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

*ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ.—ಮುಫತ್ತಾಗಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೂ ಕೂಡ ಅವರೂ ರಿಪೇರಿಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಬರುತ್ತಿತ್ತು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಕಂಪೆನಿಗಳಿದ್ದುವು ; ಅವರೇ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ.—ಅವರಿಗೂ ದುಡ್ಡು ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗಿತ್ತು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಈಗ ಹಳೇ ಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರು ಗಳನ್ನು ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಅವರು ತಲೆಯಮೇಲೆ ಕೈ ಹೊತ್ತುಕೊಂಡು ಕೂತುಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದು ತಮಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That does not arise.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಈಗ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಇಷ್ಟು ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡಿರುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇವಲ 30,000 ಘನ ಅಡಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ತಮಗೆ ಏಷ್ಟೋ ಲುಕ್ಸಾ ನಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರು ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಲದಮೇಲೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ವಜಾ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಾಲದ ಮೊಬಲಗಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಧ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವು ದಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ.—ಅದನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವುದ ಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಮುಂದೆ ಈ ಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟ ರುಗಳನ್ನು ಏನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—As I have said Sir, we are having a High Power Committee to look into this matter with the help of one of the very ablest engineers that we have in the country and the committee is going to look into this matter and they would certainly be able to find out how best to utilise these tractors and how best to dispose of.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I might also say for the information of the House that these tractors have been behaving in the same way and causing quite a lot of inconvenience not only in Mysore State but also in the Central Organisation at Delhi and in every other State.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಯವರು ತಾವು ಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಅರ್ಗನೈಸೇಷನ್ನನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗೇನಾ ದರೂ ಒಂದು ಸ್ಕೀಂ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ ?

ಡಾ॥ ಆರ್. ನಾಗನಗೌಡ.—ಯಾರು ವಹಿಸಿ ಕೊಂಡರೂ ಅಷ್ಟೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾಯಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಕೆಲವನ್ನು Materials Transportಗಾಗಿ ಕೊಂಡುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗ ಸರ್ಕಾರದೆಲ್ಲ ಇರುವು ದನ್ನೇ ರಿಪೇರಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವು ದಕ್ಕಾಗುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ತಮ್ಮ ನಲಹೆಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Could Government tell me the specific conditions and terms under which the Ferguson were kept in charge of the Tractors Organisation ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Sir, I have placed a statement on the Table of the House even the other day that is, on the 6th, regarding thescheme that was submitted by the Ferguson and the specific terms under which the work was carried on. I will be able to hand over this statement to the Hon'ble Member if he wants.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Have the Ferguson fulfilled those conditions and terms ?

*Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The Engineer of the Ferguson was working as an Honorary Engineer and the scheme that was suggested by him was worked out by him to the extent that was possible. He was there to repair some of the tractors and he did repair some of them.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—What was the obligation for the Ferguson to undertake Government work on honorary basis ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is for this reason : as businessmen responsible for the sale of tractors, they were interested in seeing that the fair name of tractors is not spoiled in this country. Therefore they wanted to give free service—honorary though it was.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Are the Government aware that Ferguson are interested to put Ferguson Tractors only in the country ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is their interest and their business. So far as the Tractors service was concerned, a complaint was made to them that in this country the Tractors Service was not at all useful and the Tractors were not faring well. They said they would look into the question and examine why the tractors were so behaving. They volunteered their services to study and they also stated that they were prepared to render free help for purposes of repairs and make them serviceable. There was no contractual binding except rendering honorary service in the interest of Tractors Organisation in his country.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Will the Government tell me out of 97 tractors, that are ill today, how many Ford and how many D. W. 9 ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I do not believe we have any Ferguson Tractors with us.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—When there are no Ferguson Tractors which are ill with the Government, could not the Government have thought that the interest of the Ferguson was only to push through the Ferguson Tractors and to condemn the other tractors ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The Hon'ble Member is not correct in his impression. The Ferguson have established in Northern India what are called Servicing Stations and wherever they sell their tractors they look to the servicing facilities. Therefore they stated that they would try to help us to set right them.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Are the Government aware that Ferguson and D. W. 9 Organisation have their own servicing stations and also the Ford to service their Ford Tractors?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I do not believe any business hostility has entered into free service. We should not notice that.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Will the Government tell me what is the material work done by the Ferguson Organisation ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It has already been answered that their engineer was with us for ten months without any payment. He did really try to help us.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—What is the material benefit that the Government have gained out of them ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Some of them were repaired. Those that could not be repaired were completely scrapped.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Why did the Ferguson give up the contractual obligation ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—There was no contract. As I said, they agreed to do some service for ten months. They did give their free service.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Did they serve only for ten months ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—We cannot ask them to give endless service.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Have Government got any estimate for putting all the 97 tractors into service ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—We have got a committee appointed to go into this and we have got an expert to advise us on this matter.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—My question is : out of 97 tractors, how many have been ill for such a long time, have Government got an estimate prepared for putting all those tractors on work ; if they have got an estimate, what is the total amount of money that is required in order to repair all those tractors and put them on work ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—We had consultations with Messrs. Fordson and Company and they looked into the Fordson Tractors that we have here and they gave us an estimate which we thought was very high. So, we thought that it was not worth while entrusting the work to them.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—What was the amount of estimate ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I believe, it would require about Rs. 3,000 to repair each one of the tractors.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We should close the Question Hour. We have exceeded the time-limit and I have allowed ten minutes more.